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Requirement for Data Concerning Soviet-Bloc Exports of Land
Armaments to the Middle East

Background

Information, concerning the shipments of Soviet-Bloc land armaments to the Middle East is insufficient for our purposes and not available with other agencies. Data pertaining to specific types of weapons and their quantities is poor, and the financial data is almost nonexistent. It is, therefore, difficult to estimate the amounts of land armaments being exported and still more difficult to price these items. The greatest weakness of the information received on the arms deals between the Soviet-Bloc and the Middle East is the absence of references to the country which produced the land armaments.

Requirement

1. The identity of the Soviet-Bloc nation producing the individual military end item.
2. The precise identification of the model of the particular weapon which was exported.
3. The exact quantities of the exported land armaments.
4. An adequate definition of the price of the military end items, including the spare parts factor and delivery charges which might be involved.
5. The quantities and types of ammunition which were exported by the Soviet-Bloc to the Non-Bloc countries.

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